

Dedicated to Maybeline Arends-Croes
and Diana Antoinette

The Trupial and the Swan

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It was forty years ago
Those two girls started journeys
Each on their own
Journeys that after forty years
Have not ended yet

She sang and conducted
For young children and elderly
While she danced and choreographed
For humble folk and royalty

She glided like the graceful swan
While she made music
Like the melodious Trupial
Majestically they made ripples
Across the years

So today let us celebrate
For their combined jubilation
Let us rejoice the ripples
That they can be seen and heard

Let us pay tribute to our
Beautiful Trupial and Magnificent Swan
Pabien Queen of Song
And Splendid Swan
Always singing and gliding along.